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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 VADIM GAZANCHIYANTS,  
12 Plaintiff,  
13 v.  
14 MIDLAND CREDIT  
15 MANAGEMENT, INC.,  
16 Defendant.

Case No.: 15cv2375-MMA-MDD

**NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE  
AND CASE MANAGEMENT  
VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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18 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that a Settlement Conference and Case  
19 Management Conference in the above entitled action will be held on **May 6,**  
20 **2021 at 9:30 a.m.**, with United States Magistrate Judge Mitchell Dembin,  
21 **via VIDEOCONFERENCE.** Parties must comply with this Court's Civil  
22 Chambers Rules regarding any requests for continuances. Among other  
23 things, this Court's Civil Chambers' Rules require telephonic notification to  
24 chambers followed by a written motion no less than seven days prior to the  
25 scheduled conference.

26 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16.1(c) of the Local Rules of the United  
27 States District Court for the Southern District of California, **all counsel and**

all parties, and any other person(s) who has full and unlimited authority to negotiate and enter into a binding settlement shall appear at the conference and shall be prepared to discuss the claims, defenses and damages. Full authority to settle means that the individual present at the settlement conference has the unfettered discretion and authority to: 1) fully explore settlement options and to agree at that time to any settlement options; 2) agree at that time to any settlement terms acceptable to the parties; 3) change the settlement position of a party; and 4) negotiate monetary awards without being restricted to a specific sum certain. Governmental entities may appear through litigation counsel only. As to all other parties, appearance by litigation counsel only is *not* acceptable.

The Court will use its official Zoom video conferencing account to hold the Conference. On or before **April 29, 2021**, counsel for each party must email to the Court at [efile\\_dembin@casd.uscourts.gov](mailto:efile_dembin@casd.uscourts.gov) the name and title of each participant and an e-mail address for each participant to receive the Zoom videoconference invitation.

Confidential settlement briefs shall be submitted to chambers in person or via email ([efile\\_dembin@casd.uscourts.gov](mailto:efile_dembin@casd.uscourts.gov)) on or before **April 29, 2021**.

All conference discussions will be informal, off the record, privileged and confidential.

Prior to the settlement conference, counsel for each party must meet and confer, make the initial disclosures required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a) and create a Joint Discovery Plan as provided in this Court's Civil Chambers Rules. The Joint Discovery Plan must be submitted to the Court in the same manner as settlement briefs no later than seven days prior to the conference.

Immediately following the Settlement Conference, if no settlement is

1 reached, the Case Management Conference will occur. Following the Case  
2 Management Conference, the Court will issue a Scheduling Order under Fed.  
3 R. Civ. P. 16.

4 Questions regarding this case may be directed to the Magistrate Judge's  
5 chambers at (619) 446-3972.

6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

7 Dated: March 22, 2021

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mitchell D. Dembin", is written over a horizontal line.

8 Hon. Mitchell D. Dembin  
9 United States Magistrate Judge  
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